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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Staff Alert List

1. A short time ago you expressed an interest in the Strategic Warning Staff (SWS) Alert List, and how it is being used. This memorandum and the attachment responds to that question and also discusses the relationship of the Alert List to the Strategic Warning Staff Monthly Report.

2. The NIO office is also preparing a memo which will be forwarded separately. Whereas our review focused on the impact of the Alert List to collectors and analysts, and includes DDI views, the NIO survey reflects the personal perceptions of the individual NIOs on the effectiveness and utility of the Alert List.

3. In brief, the Alert List appears to have more impact on analysts than on collectors, and the field commands appear to be more sensitive to it than the Washington community. NSA and the field commands have been particularly responsive to the Alert List, and this has been helpful to the SWS. CIA, DIA, and the Air Force have also reacted positively in support of the Alert List while Army, Navy, and the State Department intelligence services have limited their response to answering specific tasks.

4. Some steps are being taken to improve the utility of the Alert List. For example, CIA has requested that SWS analysts be listed by name and phone number with each item in the Alert List. Also, in the interests of improving support to the SWS mission, distribution of the two publications within CIA and DIA is being broadened.

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5. I believe your interest in this question--which stimulated the attached IC Staff survey--has had a salutary effect on the SWS machinery and will raise the level of both field and headquarters support. I have no specific recommendations at this time, but I will provide you with some talking points for you to use at the USIB meeting in early September that will discuss the SWS Monthly Report.



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Attachment

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